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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Department of Food)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 30th March 1960

G.S.R. 375.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), and in supersession of the Rice and Paddy (Assam) Price Control Order, 1960, published with the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Food), No. G.S.R. 29, dated the 1st January, 1960, the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Order may be called the Rice and Paddy (Assam) Second Price Control Order, 1960.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Prices for sale or purchase of paddy.**—(1) The maximum price at which any grade of Winter paddy or Autumn (Ahu) paddy may be sold in wholesale quantities in a zone within the State of Assam specified in column (1) of the First Schedule to this Order shall not exceed the rate specified for that grade in the corresponding entry in the appropriate column of that Schedule.

(2) The price of any grade of Winter paddy or Autumn (Ahu) paddy payable to a grower in a village in any zone within the State of Assam specified in column (1) of the Second Schedule to this Order shall not be less than the rate specified for that grade in the corresponding entry in the appropriate column of that Schedule.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (1) or sub-clause (2),—

(a) where Winter paddy is sold or purchased in the months of December, January and February of any year, a cut on account of moisture shall be imposed at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, 5 per cent and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent respectively on the prices payable as specified for the appropriate grade in the entries in columns (2), (3) and (4) of the First Schedule or, as the case may be, the Second Schedule, to this Order;

(b) where Autumn (Ahu) paddy is sold or purchased in the months of June and July of any year, a cut on account of moisture at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and where such paddy is sold or purchased in the month of August of any year, a cut at the rate of 5 per cent, shall

be imposed on the prices payable for such paddy as specified in columns (5) and (6) of the First Schedule or, as the case may be, the Second Schedule to this Order.

3. Saving.—Nothing in this Order shall apply to the sale or purchase of seed paddy by the Government of the State of Assam or an officer authorized by that Government.

4. Maximum prices for sale of rice.—The maximum price ex-mill chargeable by a miller for sale in wholesale quantities of any grade of Winter rice and Autumn (Ahu) rice of Arua and Ushna varieties in a zone within the State of Assam specified in column (1) of the Third Schedule to this Order shall not exceed the rate specified for that grade in the corresponding entry in the appropriate column of that Schedule;

Provided that when rice is supplied f.o.r., f.o.b. or into Government godowns, the specified prices shall be increased by 10 nP. per maund.

5. Interpretation.—For the purpose of this Order,—

- (a) the prices for paddy specified in the First and Second Schedules, and for rice specified in the Third Schedule, to this Order are for naked grains. For paddy of both varieties and all grades thereof supplied in new and sound bags, the specified prices shall be increased by 0.54 nP. per maund of paddy inclusive of sales tax which shall be borne by the supplier. For rice of both varieties and all grades thereof supplied in new and sound bags, the specified prices shall be increased by 0.50 nP. per maund of rice inclusive of sales tax which shall be borne by the supplier;
- (b) a maund is equivalent in weight to 82-2/7 lbs.;
- (c) "sale in wholesale quantities" means sale in quantities exceeding ten maunds in any one transaction;
- (d) for all paddy and rice supplied ex-government godowns, the maximum price shall be the prices specified in the appropriate columns in the First and Third Schedules to this Order increased by 6½ per cent;
- (e) the prices for paddy specified in the First and Second Schedules and for rice specified in the Third Schedule to this Order are for fair average quality conforming to the specifications prescribed for paddy in the Fourth Schedule and for rice in the Fifth Schedule to this Order; for paddy or rice below the fair average quality, the maximum prices shall be determined by reducing the corresponding prices specified in the First, Second and Third Schedules by the amounts of cuts indicated in the Fourth Schedule or the Fifth Schedule, as the case may be.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(See clause 2)

Zones	Maximum price per maund of Winter coarse (Sali) paddy.	Maximum price per maund of Winter fine (Lahi) paddy	Maximum price per maund of Winter superfine (Joha/Sahe- bali) paddy.	Maximum price per maund of Autumn (Ahu) coarse paddy.	Maximum price per maund of Autumn (Ahu) fine/Terabali paddy.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
(I) Kamrup District North of Brahma- putra river, Darrang District and North Lakhimpur Sub-division	10.25	10.85	12.75	9.00	9.40
(II) Kamrup District South of Brahma- putra river, Nowgong District, Sib- sagar District and Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Hailakandi and Silchar Sub-divisions.	10.50	11.16	13.06	9.25	9.65
(III) Dhubri, Dibrugarh and Karimganj Sub-divisions	10.75	11.47	13.37	9.50	9.90

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

(See clause 2)

Zones	Minimum price per maund of Winter coarse (Sali) paddy.	Minimum price per maund of Winter fine (Lahi) paddy.	Minimum price per maund of Winter superfine (Joha/Sahe- bali) paddy.	Minimum price per maund of Autumn (Ahu) coarse paddy.	Minimum price per maund of Autumn (Ahu) fine/Terabali paddy.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
(I) Kamrup District North of Brahma- putra river, Darrang District, and North Lakhimpur Sub-division	9.25	9.85	11.75	8.00	8.40
(II) Kamrup District South of Brahma- putra river, Nowgong District, Sib- sagar District and Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Hailakandi and Silchar Sub-divisions.	9.50	10.16	12.06	8.25	8.65
(III) Dhubri, Dibrugarh and Karimganj Sub-divisions	9.75	10.47	12.37	8.50	8.90

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

(See clause 4)

Zones	Maximum ex-mill price per maund of Winter coarse (Sali) rice		Maximum ex-mill price per maund of Winter fine (Lahi) rice		Maximum ex-mill price per maund of Winter superfine (Joha/Sahebali) rice		Maximum ex-mill price per maund of Autumn (Ahu) coarse rice		Maximum ex-mill price per maund of Autumn (Ahu) fine/Terabali	
	Arua	Ushna	Arua	Ushna	Arua	Ushna	Arua	Ushna	Arua	Ushna
(1)	(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)	
	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
(I) Kamrup District North of Brahmaputra river, Darrang District and North Lakhimpur Sub-division	17.79	17.10	19.13	18.38	23.69	22.70	17.55	16.80	19.10	18.25
(II) Kamrup District South of Brahmaputra river, Nowgong District, Sib-sagar District and Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Hallakandi and Silchar Sub-divisions	18.19	17.50	19.64	18.87	24.23	23.33	17.99	17.23	19.57	18.7
(III) Dhubri, Dibrugarh and Karimganj, Sub-divisions	18.59	17.87	20.15	19.36	24.77	23.73	18.42	17.65	20.04	19.15

THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

[See clause 5(e)]

Specification:

Fair Average Quality of paddy.

Paddy shall be in sound, merchantable condition, dry, clean, of uniform colour and grain size and free from dirt, foreign matter chaff or immature grains and free from mould, musty or obnoxious odour, excessive moisture, and free from signs of weevil or insect attack and all impurities except to the extent indicated in the table below:—

Constituent of Admixtures	Tolerance limit per cent		Rate at which cuts shall be imposed for every one per cent or part of one per cent over tolerance limit in column (2)
	Winter paddy	Ahu paddy	
(1)	(2)	(3)	
1. Dirt, mud, sand, chaff and other similar foreign matter	2.0	3.0	At full value.
2. Admixture of other grades of paddy	3.5	3.5	Over tolerance limit and upto 5% at half value.*

*For stocks containing admixture of other grades exceeding 5 per cent, the maximum price shall be three-fourths of the price specified therefor for fair average quality.

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE

[See clause 5(e)]

Specification:

Fair Average Quality of rice.

Rice shall be in sound, merchantable condition, sweet, dry, clean, wholesome, of good food value, uniform in colour and size of grain and free from mould, weevils, smell, discolouration, admixture of deleterious substances or colouring agents and all impurities except to the extent indicated in the table below:—

Constituents of admixtures	Kind of rice	Tolerance limit (per cent)	Rate at which cuts shall be imposed for every one per cent or part of one per cent over the tolerance limits speci- fied in column (3)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Broken and Fragments	(a) Boiled rice. (b) Raw rice.	15 17.5	Over 15% at half value. Over 17.5% at half value.
2. Dirt, foreign matter, and paddy or unhusked grains.	Boiled or raw rice	0.5	Over 0.5% at full value.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3. Damaged, discoloured and weevilled grains	(a) Raw rice	3.0	Over 3% at three fourths value.
	(b) Boiled rice	2.0	Over 2% at three fourth value.
4. Red grains and other varieties	(a) Raw rice	3.5	Over 3.5 % at half value.
	(b) Boiled rice	2.0	Over 2.0% at half value.

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